

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] The ash is conveyed in a tubular conveyor line 20, in which a heat exchange surface could be arranged, e.g., a sleeve 22 covering the line at least partly and having means 24, 26 ~~25~~ for the recirculation of a heat exchange medium, e.g., water or steam. By the heat exchange surfaces 22, the ash temperature can be reduced, e.g., to 150 – 300 °C.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] In the embodiment according to Fig. 1, the discharge conduit 50 is provided with a filter 52 ~~42~~ and a control valve 54 for controlling the flow rate of the discharged carrier gas 56. The discharge conduit 50 leads preferably to the open air or to a space essentially at atmospheric pressure. If the pressure of the receiving vessel differs from the atmospheric pressure, it is preferably to draw the discharge conduit 50 to a space essentially at the same pressure as that of the receiving vessel 40.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] As ash can be entrained with the carrier gas to filter 52, the filter 52 is provided with ~~means~~ a system 60 for cleaning the filter 52 by giving intermittent gas pulses to the clean side thereof.

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] To restart the ash conveyance, valve 34 is shut, valve 36 is opened and the ash flow rate is adjusted by valve 54 to a desired value. To protect valve 36, it could be necessary to raise the pressure of the collecting vessel essentially to the same level as that of the supply vessel 10. This can preferably be performed by using the same system 60 that produces ~~a system 50 producing~~ clean pulses for the filter 52 of the discharge conduit 50. Simultaneously, the filter 52 is also cleaned from ash possibly collected on its surface at the preceding filling stage of the collecting vessel 30. The receiving vessel 40 can be provided with heat exchange surfaces 44 for the final cooling of the ash as well as with an opening for ash discharge 46 in the bottom of the vessel 40.

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following amended paragraph:

[0062] The second preferred embodiment according to Fig. 2 differs from the first preferred embodiment according to Fig. 1 in that the discharge conduit for carrier gas is in communication with the receiving vessel 140. Thus, the ash entrained with the carrier gas is also led to the receiving vessel 140. Naturally, when using the second preferred embodiment according to Fig. 2, the receiving vessel 140 has to be provided with a discharge conduit ~~162~~ for gas, e.g., to open the open air, and a filter 162 preventing the ash from being entrained out with the gas.